Public Notice for Section 401 Water Quality Certification Louisiana Pacific, Humboldt Flakeboard, Arcata

Humboldt County

On June 24, 2002, The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Louisiana Pacific Corporation requesting a California Code of Regulations Water Quality Certification for dredging operations in the North Fork of Janes Creek, Humboldt County. The application was deemed complete on August 29, 2002. The project is a remedial effort to remove sawdust deposits and restore the North Fork of Janes Creek to original conditions. This project has potential to cause disturbances to waters of the United States associated with the Blue Lake Hydrologic Area No. 9.10.

The project is located on property owned by Louisiana Pacific on West End Road and other properties along West End Road. The project involves extraction of up to 4,200 square feet of sediments during channel dredging in the North Fork Janes Creek. The project entails temporary disturbance of 0.79 miles of channel, which is approximately 1 acre of channel. All affects of the dredging are considered temporary and mitigation measures are outlined to ensure no disturbance to waters of the United States. Mitigation measures include stream flow diversion, revegetation of disturbed areas.

Staff is proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33USC 1341) and Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Sections 3830-3869. The California Department of Fish and Game 1603 permit and associated CEQA documents can be obtained for this project from Mr. Bruce Webb. Comments on this project should be submitted to Kasey Ashley at ashlk@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov, within 21 days of the posting of this notice.